

# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## BALTIC OPERATIONS 2019

(BALTOPS 2019)

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Exercise Baltic Operations is the 47th annual joint, multinational maritime-focused exercise scheduled for June 08-21, 2019. BALTOPS 2019 is being planned and executed by U.S. 2nd Fleet, as ordered by U.S. Naval Forces Europe (NAVEUR). C2F was established last summer as a response to the changing security environment, and BALTOPS 2019 marks the first time the new fleet is operating in Europe.

The exercise will begin in Kiel, Germany, with the Pre-Sail Conference. Maritime training will occur throughout the Baltic Sea, including amphibious demonstrations near Putlos, Germany; Kipi and Saaremaa Island, Estonia; Riga, Latvia; Klaipeda, Lithuania and Ravlunda, Sweden. Upon conclusion of the exercise, most participating ships will sail to Kiel, Germany, to participate in the Kielerwochen Festival (Kiel Week).

- 08 June—Opening press conference
- 09 June— Amphibious Landing
- 12 June—Amphibious Landing
- 16 June—DV day, Amphibious landing and press conference
- 18 June—Personnel Recovery Operations
- 21 June—Closing press conference

Media who are interested in covering the event should contact: Lt. Marycate Walsh, Commander U.S. 2nd Fleet Public Affairs Officer at [baltops2019pao@gmail.com](mailto:baltops2019pao@gmail.com).

**Registration:** Media members should provide the following information:

- Full name
- Date and city of birth
- Nationality (citizenship)
- Passport number
- Date of passport issue
- Media house/organization name

**Details:** For more information of any of the above events or ship embark requests, contact Lt. Marycate Walsh, BALTOPS media lead.

**B-Roll and Photos:** Ceremony imagery will be made available to journalists throughout the exercise for those unable to attend.

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The below digital properties will contain event updates and available imagery for download:

- Website: <https://www.c2f.navy.mil>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/US2ndFleet>
- Twitter: <https://www.twitter.com/US2ndFleet>
- Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/156640713@N07/albums/72157705103696062>
- YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZtNSU1LMQ8hrCdYDL9Aurw/featured?disable\\_polymer=1](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZtNSU1LMQ8hrCdYDL9Aurw/featured?disable_polymer=1)
- DVIDS: <https://www.dvidshub.net/feature/BALTOPS2019>

**Background:** Allied nations with ships and forces participating in BALTOPS 2019 include Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States. NATO partner nations Finland and Sweden will also participate in the exercise.

C2F, based in Norfolk, Virginia, exercises operational and administrative authorities over assigned ships, aircraft and landing forces on the East Coast and the North Atlantic.

BALTOPS will focus on naval response to a crisis in the Baltic Sea region. Marine Corps forces embarked on naval platforms will demonstrate capabilities to project power ashore by conducting various amphibious assaults. Air assets involved in the exercise will work with naval forces to provide air defense, maritime domain awareness and support to amphibious operations.

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